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September 13, 2007

Victoria Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis
and Administration
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Sierra Pacific Industries Abandonment Exemption
Amador County, California
STB Docket No. AB-512X

Dear Ms. Rutson:

On August 30, 2007, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) received your notification and supporting documentation regarding the adverse effects of the referenced undertaking on properties eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Based upon the information you provided, we have concluded that Appendix A, Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases, of our regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800), does not apply to this undertaking. Accordingly, we do not believe that our participation in the consultation to resolve adverse effects is needed. However, if we receive a request for participation from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), affected Indian tribe, a consulting party, or other party, we may reconsider this decision. Additionally, should circumstances change, and you determine that our participation is needed to conclude the consultation process, please notify us.

Pursuant to 36 CFR §800.6(b)(1)(iv), you will need to file the final Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), developed in consultation with the California SHPO, Indian tribes, and other consulting parties, and related documentation at the conclusion of the consultation process. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.1 l(f), the documentation included with the MOA shall include copies or summaries of the views of the SHPO, Indian tribes, other consulting parties, and the public. The filing of this MOA with the ACHP and fulfillment of its stipulations are required to complete your compliance responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Thank you for providing us with your notification of adverse effect. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact me at (202) 606-8520 or kharris@achp.gov.

Sincerely,




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